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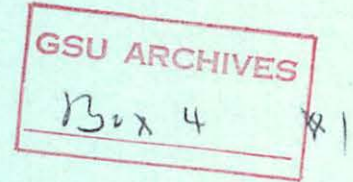
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Happiness is not a station you arrive
at, but a manner of traveling.

--M. Runbeck



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DEDICATION ON WHEELS . . .

GSU will be participating in Dedication ceremonies for the new commuter extension and Park Forest South station on Friday, Nov. 18, 1977.

The Chicago South Suburban Mass Transit District has invited Pres. Leo Goodman-Malamuth, Dr. Melvyn Freed, Dr. Curtis McCray (represented by Al Martin), Dr. Virginio Piucci, Dr. David Curtis and William Dodd to attend a luncheon at the Olympia Fields Country Club, after which they will board a Special Dedication Train and proceed to the new station.

The public is invited to attend the Dedication Ceremony at the station at 1:30 p.m. Pres. Goodman-Malamuth will speak during the program.

Full service on the new extension will begin Sunday, Nov. 20. Information on the new train schedule is available in the Information Office, x2464..

GWJ Meeting . . .

Goodwin Watson Institute for Research and Program Development of the Union Graduate School of the Union for Experimenting Colleges and Universities will present a program for prospective Ph. D. degree students, Sat. Nov. 19 at GSU. Leading the discussion will be Dr. Sam Baskin, founder of UECU, Dr. William Engbretson, Core Consultant of GWI and former President of GSU, and Dr. Jerome Sachs, formerly of Northeastern Illinois University.

The conference will meet in Rm B1501, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ELECTION REMINDER . . .

An election will be held Dec. 6, 1977 to fill a four year position on the Civil Service Advisory Committee. The nominees are: Andy Lokos, Mailing Service Supervisor (CD) Timothy Arr, Purchasing Ass't III (BO) Phil Orawiec, Police Officer IV (DPS) Yvonne Raskow, Administrative Sec. (EAS) Mary G. Taylor, Office Supervisor (A&R).

FROM A&R . . .

The Winter 1978 Schedules have been received in the Office of Admissions and Records. Schedules have been mailed to each faculty member and all Collegial staff, along with all currently enrolled students and all newly admitted students. Prospective students may obtain a copy of the Schedule from the Office of Admissions. Unfortunately, due to the increased cost of printing the Schedule, additional copies are not available for the Collegial offices.

NOTICE . . .

The University Assembly will not meet during November. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Dec. 8, 1977.

VETERANS OF INNOVATION . . .

Five Years

David Burgest	HLD	11/15
Linda Willard	ICC	11/20

FACULTY REMINDER . . . The deadline for Spring/Summer 77 Student Evaluation forms is 5:00 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21. The forms should be submitted to the Records Office.

GSU CLASSIFIED . . .

Vacant Civil Service Job Classifications
as of November 16, 1977

6/16	Work Program Participant	BPO
6/22	Work Program Participant	BPO
8/24	Police Officer I	DPS
9/28	Work Program Participant	BPS
9/28	Secretary IV Trans	CCS
10/10	Offset Pressman	CD
10/27	Work Program Participant	IRP
10/31	Computer Aide II	A&R
11/2	Accounting Clerk III	BO
11/15	Secretary IV Trans	BO
11/16	Secretary IV Trans	EAS

POSITIONS OPEN . . .

U. Research Assoc. in CEAS: Ph.D. required, experience with organic geochemistry essential. Application deadline Dec. 1, 1977. For further info on the above positions, contact Personnel, x2194.

GSU ON FIVE CAMPUSES . . .

The University will be offering classes on five south suburban community college campuses during the Winter Trimester:

Joliet Junior College, Kankakee Community College, Moraine Valley Community College, Prairie State College and Thornton Community College.

Classes are available to undergraduate and graduate students seeking degrees and for students-at-large. Application for a degree program must be made through the GSU Admissions Office. Students who register on-site will be considered as non-degree seeking students-at-large.

For further info contact Admissions & Records, 534-5000, x2518.

CANDID OBSERVATION . . .

Richard McCreary spotted trying to decipher new transit district bus schedule, wishing it were music notes instead!

"THE CREATIVE WOMAN" . . .

has just published its Fall issue. Copies are available in the office of Helen Hughes, Editor. Guest editor for this issue was Shirley Katz. Featured articles are "Images of Black Women in Literature," "Dark Prospice," "The Four Queens," "Creativity," and "Women in Children's Literature." Subscriptions are available for \$2. For further information call x 2524.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE . . .

The National Historical Society has announced the availability of a \$1,000 "second chance" scholarship designed to provide financial aid to anyone wishing to continue their education after a lapse of five years or more.

Application forms are available from NHS. Dec. 31, 1977 is the submission deadline. For further info contact Karen Kennedy, Administrative Assistant, National Historical Society, P. O. Box 1831, Harrisburg, PA 17105 or phone 717/234-5091, ext. 133.

The Marcus and Theresa Levie Educational Fund provides scholarship grants each Fall to Jewish men and women who wish to pursue professional or vocational schooling but need financial assistance.

For applications write: Scholarship Secretary, Jewish Vocational Service, One South Franklin St., Chicago, IL., 60606. Deadline for applications is Feb. 15, 1977.

CORRECTION . . . In the Nov. 4 issue of Faze I it was erroneously reported that two degree levels were now available in the Alcoholism Science Curriculum. Students may receive a bachelor's degree specializing in either alcoholism counseling, alcoholism education, or alcoholism administration. A curriculum at the master's degree level is being developed but is not yet approved.

PLAN NOW FOR . . .

the 4th annual Third World workshop to be held March 15-18, 1978 at the Pick Congress Hotel in Chicago.

Proposals for presentations at the Workshop are now being accepted by the intercultural studies faculty in the College of Cultural Studies. Individuals interested in presenting original papers, projects or creative works which relate to Third World systems, populations or cultures should contact Roger Oden or Anthony Wei at x2429 or 2530 by Dec. 1.

Topics for panel discussions are Contemporary Political and Economic Problems, Political Economy, Culture and Nations Building, Historical Development and Underdevelopment, The Military in the Third World, Education and Social Change, Art and Literature, Religion and Philosophy, Health Care, Urbanization, Migration and Population, International Relations, Intercultural Communications, and Intercultural Exchange Programs.

As a new member of the University Program Review Committee, about to plunge into the annual agony of reading and making recommendations on NEPR (New and Expanded Program Requests), I have been reading the archives, attempting to get some line on what has gone before. The following unauthorized disclosures may be breaking confidentiality, but I believe the University community has a right to know what has happened in the past when requests for program support have not been sufficiently attentive to the questions formulated for us by our masters in the Illinois Board of Higher Education. The following selections are taken from the evaluation and rating reports in the files.

1. Professor Plato's request to found an Academy devoted to "Demonstrating the unity of virtue and knowledge by the teaching of mathematics and philosophy." "While the committee has a good deal of sympathy for the goals of this proposed Academy, we have serious doubts as to whether (1) there is any possibility for its reaching its objectives, and (2) such an enterprise has close connections with the mission of Governors State University. It is true that mathematics would be useful to our mandate for job efficiency, but it is not clear what philosophy has to do with virtue and knowledge or what either one of those had to do with the BHE's conception of our University's mission. Further, his claim that the independent reality of ideas is the only guarantee of ethical standards and objective knowledge, is not in keeping with the Instructional Systems Paradigm which describes reality quite adequately for GSU faculty and students. We would call into serious question his instructional strategy of depending upon dialogue and dialectic. Perhaps the most puzzling part in his proposal is in his avowed intent to make the ideas of Socrates, a known subversive and corrupter of the young, the center of his curriculum. We urge Professor Plato to rethink his proposal and to present it again next year in a form which addresses some societal need."

2. Dr. Louis Pasteur's request for support for the Pasteur Institute. "The Committee is quite puzzled by Dr. Pasteur's turning away from the excellent practical work he has done on brewer's yeast and chicken cholera to founding a "teaching and research center on virulent and contagious diseases." Aside from the fact that the BHE guidelines make it quite clear that research is not within the parameters of GSU's concerns, it is not clear what connection the research he has proposed has to do with teaching anybody anything. It appears to us that Dr. Pasteur is pursuing knowledge for its own sake, and has included a "teaching" component in his proposal as a smokescreen for his real intent. There is the further consideration that there is no societal need addressed by his proposal. The presence of disease is evidence of God's plan for us, and we have no business upsetting the delicate balances of nature by attempting to prevent the growth of bacteria in the human organism. There is necessary work to be done in brewing and we suggest that Dr. Pasteur get back to it and to leave hydrophobia alone."

3. Mr. John Milton's request to expand and complete his long narrative poem, entitled "Paradise Lost." "Mr. Milton is a former schoolmaster and foreign service officer who has for some time been engaged in writing poetry. It is his contention that the teaching of poetry has useful, practical value, and he wants support for such an enterprise. We cannot recommend support. In the first place, his objectives are hopelessly muddled, and we would hope that before Mr. Milton comes to us again that he will at least look into the Handbook on Educational Objectives. Secondly, he can give us no convincing data that the study of poetry will result in employment. Perhaps the most unsound part of Mr. Milton's proposal is his claim, set forth in the Prospectus of the poem, that discussion "Of man's first disobedience, and the fruit/Of that forbidden tree, whose mortal taste/Brought death into the world and all our woe,/With loss of Eden . . . , " would " . . . what in me is dark/Illumine, what is low raise and support; /That to the highth of this great argument,/I may assert external providence/And justify the ways of God to men."

Leaving aside the peculiarities of Mr. Milton's language (which the BHE may or may not be able to translate), we note that he has ignored in his needs survey the obvious fact that the University already has adequate resources to teach students what he has in mind. To grant funds to produce a long poem with this object would involve us in needless overlap. Surely a systems approach to the problem would be more useful. We suggest that, if there is a need to "justify the ways of God to men" under the performance objectives of any existing program, the works of Norman Vincent Peale, Billy Graham, Fulton Sheen, Anita Bryant and B. F. Skinner should be adequate for the purpose. Finally, we note the comment of our consultant, Professor Housman that there is "liquor livelier than the muse," and "malt does more than Milton can to justify God's ways to man." submitted by Daniel

EVENTS

SATURDAY, November 19

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, November 20

MONDAY, November 21

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
9:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m.
1:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, November 22

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, November 23

10:00 a.m.
12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.
12:00 noon
1:30 p.m.
3:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, November 24

Insurance Testing (A1102)
Intro. to BOG Meeting (B1318)
Children's Movie Festival: "Nikki, Wild Dog of the North"; 25¢ children; adults alone 25¢, free when accompanying children (EH)
Goodwin Watson Institute of Union Grad School (B1501)

Workshop, Area Service Center (EH)
ICC Production Meeting (ICC Preview Room)
UA Governance Committee Meeting (D3301)
Academic Program Review Committee (PCA)
Movie: "Sacco & Vanzetti" with cartoons (A1102) Free
Publications Advisory Council (PCA)
Public Lecture Series: "Hospital Administration: a Perspective from the Top" (American Hospital Assoc., Hall of States, 840 N. Lake Shore Dr., Chgo.) Free
Movie: "Sacco and Vanzetti" with cartoons (EH) Free

BPS/Businessmen Joint Planning Committee (E1104)
EXCEL Training Course (E1106)
Movie: "Deliverance" (EH) Free
Academic Council (PCA)

UA Executive Committee Meeting (D3301)
EXCEL Training Course (E1106)
Theology for Lunch "Women and Religious Renewal" (D1120)
CCS Academic Affairs Committee (Deans Conference Room)
CCS Faculty Meeting (CCS Student Lounge)

HAPPY THANKSGIVING--UNIVERSITY CLOSED

FRIDAY, November 25

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SATURDAY, November 26

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SUNDAY, November 26

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